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REDS IN PEIPING'S SUBURBS

Take Summer Palace & Two Universities ONE REPORT CLAIMS GEN FU TSO-YI CAPTURED

Peiping, Dec. 16.—Fighting swirled towards the ancient walls of Peiping today. Several points in the Northwestern suburbs fell to the Communists. Those included the Summer Palace and Yenching and Tsinghua Universities.

From there, the Reds closed in on Haitien village, three and a half miles from the Northwestern corner of the city. Haitien probably will be taken by nightfall.

Red soldiers were reported within several thousand yards of Peiping's Northwestern gate. Explosions of mortar and artillery shells could be clearly heard in Peiping.

Meanwhile, the Nationalists abandoned Feingtai on the Peiping-Tientsin railroad three and a half miles from the Southwestern corner of the city where big freight yards are situated. Government forces also quit Mentoukou, coal mining town about 20 miles West of Peiping. It was the only remaining source for fuel for Peiping.

Officials and senior employees of the city's power plant at Shihching-shan, six miles West of Peiping, were evacuated into the city. Workers remained.

Although they were within gunrange, the Reds so far had not discharged a single shell at Peiping itself—rich treasure trove of Chinese culture and of the days of the Emperor—Associated Press.

FU REPORT DENIED
Nanking, Dec. 15.—A message to the Commercial Bank here reported that the Communist forces entered Peiping at 5.30 p.m. today.

The message also said that the Communists captured General Fu Tso-yi, Nationalist Commander in North China.

A Government spokesman, Teng Weng-yi, denied that the Communist troops entered Peiping. He also denied General Fu Tso-yi was captured.

The Nanking Telegraph Office is still maintaining radio contact with its branch in Peiping.

Dr. Hu Shih, President of the National University at Peiping, arrived in Nanking aboard a special Chinese Air Force plane and reported that the Communist forces had entered the suburbs. He said, however, that they were not yet in sufficient strength to attempt a complete capture of the city. He said that General Fu was still in Peiping.

He added that the situation was "serious" but somewhat less serious than reports here indicated.

HOLDING AIRFIELDS
Dr. Hu Shih reported that the Nationalist troops, at the time he left today, still held two airfields at Peiping, one South and one West of the city. He said that the Western airfield was evacuated because it was under Communist gunfire, but the field to the South was still

operating and his plane took off from there.

The encircled city is being defended by about 70,000 Nationalist troops, including General Fu Tso-yi. The Communist forces around the city were estimated at least 80,000.

Dr. Hollington K. Tong, Government Director of Information denied reports that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has been advised by his lieutenants to withdraw from the Government, thus paving a way for a possible coalition Government in which the Communists might join. He said that the reports were "entirely baseless."

MARINES SAIL
United States Marines sailed for Shanghai today and the Americans were again advised to leave China as the Communists stepped up their offensives on the Peiping, Haichow and Nanking fronts.

John M. Cabot, United States Consul General in Shanghai, and Rear Admiral G. C. Crawford in charge of evacuations, said in a joint announcement that 685 Marines of the Ninth Regiment sailed from Tsingtao, on the Navy transport, Bayfield. The Marines were scheduled to arrive in Shanghai at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Mr. Cabot emphasized that their duty would be to protect American lives and property in case of emergency.

The Government, meanwhile, indicated that the counter-offensive on the Haichow front some 150 miles north of Nanking has bogged down. Fierce fighting was reported along the Grand Canal within 100 miles northeast of Nanking—United Press.

CLOSE GATES ORDER
Nanking, December 15.—A reliable source said today that General Fu Tso-yi, North China Nationalist commander, has ordered all

Peiping gates to be closed and no one is allowed to leave or enter the city in order to prevent the infiltration of Communist plainclothesmen.

The source said that business inside the city has come to a standstill and prices of commodities, except vegetables, are dropping. He said that government armoured cars and tanks are guarding the west gate, which appeared to be the objective of the main Communist attack.

The popular assemblies of seven North China provinces and Peiping and Tientsin, which President Chiang Kai-shek, adding the punishment of the Air Force Second Area commander, General Hu Tien, for evacuating planes from Peiping without orders. They urged that the planes return to support the Peiping defenders—United Press.

PEOPLE STUNNED
Shanghai, Dec. 15.—The people of Peiping were absolutely stunned by the rapid advance of the Communists and were apparently indifferent to the pledge of the Nationalist High Command to defend the ancient capital. Mr. William Lindgren, a United States businessman who arrived here tonight from Peiping, said.

Mr. Lindgren left Peiping on the World Lutheran aircraft, St. Paul, which was the last plane leaving Peiping southward.

He said the Communists threw a horse-shoe cordon around the ancient capital but the route to the south field was open this morning. He declared that it was beyond explanation why this escape route was left open when the Reds could have so easily closed it.

The general impression among the populace of Peiping, said Mr. Lindgren, was that the war was not running along a normal course.

ONLY FEIGNED BATTLE
He quoted Colonel Williams, the American Naval Attache at Peiping, as saying: "Something is not on the up and up."

Nationalist troops, supplies and artillery were pouring into the city through the south gate. The main street of Peiping was one long line of cars. The Communists had already captured the Summer Palace, making a feeble attempt to force the city.

The unanimous belief was that something was "cooking" behind the scenes and not war will decide the fate of China's famed ancient capital.

Telephone lines with the outside world had been cut. Shops were still open, nevertheless, and the populace was calm though greatly excited.

Two hundred Americans were remaining in the city together with a few hundred other foreigners—Router.

TIENTSIN PREPARES
Tientsin, Dec. 15.—Military trains could only proceed up to Peiping, just before Tangku Harbour, today, while Chinese reports claimed that every effort was being made to hold the Tientsin-Tangku line and that Tientsin's outer defences were being strengthened by the Nationalist troops evacuated from adjacent points.

Reports were also current but impossible to confirm that the Tientsin-Tangku highway had been cut in the vicinity of the harbour area.

The Tangku situation was described as tense, following the extensive military activity with indications that the Nationalists were concentrating at Heinho immediately before Tangku, while fighting of unspecified proportions was proceeding around Peiping.

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The Communists are reported to be approaching the famous old walls around Peiping. Having already captured the historic Summer Palace, this picture gives a view of part of the old Peiping wall which may shortly be the scene of fierce fighting.

CHRISTMAS MAILS FOR HONGKONG

Special Effort Being
Made By BOAC

(Our Own Correspondent)
London, Dec. 15.—Ensuring that Christmas letters and parcels from Britain for Hongkong are delivered in time, BOAC are offloading commercial cargoes where necessary and providing more space for air mails.

BOAC are expecting a record Christmas rush and this week alone the amount of air mails for Hongkong has gone up by 150 percent from the normal average of 600 kilos to 1,500 kilos.

The question of air mail deliveries to Hongkong was recently raised in the House of Commons when Air Commodore Harvey asked the Postmaster General if he was aware that air mails for Hongkong took anything from 10 to 14 days to be delivered.

The Postmaster General replied that he was in constant touch with the Ministry of Civil Aviation on the possibilities of improving and accelerating air mail services generally.

LAND PLANES IN 1949?

One such possibility, not officially announced, is that in the New Year land planes will be used to serve Hongkong direct from Britain. Certainly the Colonial Office is considering proposals for improving Hongkong's aerodrome.

BOAC, the only British line directly serving Hongkong, told me they could not consider expanding the present services until delivery of more modern planes.

They are, however, expecting delivery early in the New Year of six Boeing Stratocruisers which will be used on the trans-Atlantic route, and 22 Canadairs and 25 Handley Page Hermes which will be put into service on Empire routes.

ANOTHER PLANE TRAGEDY

Dogala, Dec. 15.—Thirty persons, including two Americans, were killed in the crash of an Alouette II plane five minutes after it took off for Barranquilla today.

The wreckage was first sighted from the air on the slopes of Sabalito Hill, 12 miles from the starting point. Land rescue parties reached the scene shortly before midnight and reported that all 26 passengers and four crewmen had been killed—United Press.

PRINCE CHARLES CHRISTENED

London, Dec. 15.—Surrounded by members of the Royal Family, Prince Charles of Edinburgh, the month-old son of Princess Elizabeth and second in line to the Throne, was christened by the Archbishop of Canterbury at Buckingham Palace today.

The baby behaved beautifully throughout the service. Sister Ellen Rowe, who nursed Princess Elizabeth in her confinement, held the infant Prince during the service but handed him to Princess Margaret, one of his sponsors, just before the Archbishop performed the christening ceremony.

Before handing the Prince to the Archbishop, Princess Margaret stood by the golden silver-gilt font on its plinth of crimson velvet, adorned with white flowers, to speak the names—Charles Philip Arthur George.

Children of the Royal Chapel choir sang two hymns, "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Oh Worship the Lord." The baby wore the historic Royal christening robes of silk and Honiton lace.

The Archbishop, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, in a short address, stressed the religious importance of the service and spoke of the duties undertaken by the eight sponsors.

MOTHER LOOKS WELL
Led by King George in morning clothes and the Queen in a dress and hat of flame-red, members of the Royal Family had entered the Music Room immediately before the service began.

Princess Elizabeth looked extremely well. She wore a coat of almost the same shade of red as the Queen with an off the face hat of brown, trimmed with flame coloured silk.

The organist played Handel's Water Music at the piano, as the choir boys in their red and gold Tudor uniforms filed in followed by the Archbishop of Canterbury in his gold cope and mitre and the Reverend M. Foxell, who assisted at the service.

Sister Ellen Rowe, in her blue and white nurse's uniform, then brought in the baby.

When the half-hour service ended, Nurse Rowe carried the baby out and the Royal Family, and their friends took tea and ate slices of the christening cake in nearby State rooms.

THE SPONSORS
The Prince's eight sponsors were King George (his grandfather), Queen Mary (his maternal great grandmother), Princess Margaret (his aunt), King Haakon of Norway (his great-uncle by marriage) and his first cousin twice removed—King Haakon married Princess Maud, sister of King George V, Prince George of Greece (great uncle on his father's side), the Dowager Lady Milford Haven (his paternal great grandmother), Lady Brabourne (his first cousin once removed—who is the elder daughter of Lord and Lady Mountbatten), and Mr. David, Bowes-Lyon (his maternal great uncle).

The Earl of Athlone stood proxy for the King of Norway and the Duke of Edinburgh, his father, stood proxy for Prince George of Greece.

King George, flanked by his doctors to attend the ceremony, showed no obviously noticeable signs of ill-health. About 50 guests attended the brief private ceremony.

Apart from the Royal Family and few personal friends, members of the Court and of the household of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke were present with the doctors who attended the birth.

Guests included: Princess Royal, the Duchess of Gloucester, the Duchess of Kent, Princess Alice and the Earl of Athlone, Admiral Sir

Outside The
Old Wall

Hiss Indicted For Perjury

New York, Dec. 15.—Alger Hiss was indicted for perjury today by a Federal grand jury which charged that he delivered secret State Department papers to Whittaker Chambers for transmission to Russia.

Just six hours before its 18-month probe of pre-war Communist espionage was ended by law, the Grand Jury said Hiss, former policy-making official of the State Department, had committed perjury on two counts. The Grand Jury could not indict Hiss for espionage because of three-year statute limitations.

The indictment said Hiss lied when he testified that he did not deliver Government documents to Chambers and when he said he had not seen Chambers after January 1, 1937.

Mr. John McGohey, announcing the indictment, said: "We can prove that he (Hiss) lied when he said he did not give the papers to Chambers. What we have to prove is that he was lying, not that he turned over the secret documents."

The maximum penalty for each of the two counts of perjury is five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

In Washington, the House Committee on UN-American Activities said the indictment "closes that phase of our investigation" into Communist espionage—United Press.

Reds Will Try To Take Over All Berlin

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The Berlin Communist leader today issued a rally call for the Party to take over all Berlin in the coming year as the British commandant warned that a switch in Soviet tactics might be in the making.

The Communist city leader, Hans Modrow, in a New Year resolution to the Party said: "The New Year will bring victory of the democratic order in all Berlin."

He called for the breaking up of "reactionary strongholds," making clear that he included in that the legal government of Western Berlin. The British commandant, Major-General Edwin Herbert, said: "Any one who thinks this cold war is a pushover should think again. There are always new methods, new weapons being brought into play by both sides. The Soviet tactics, which were based partly on a long, hard, unyielding winter, may have to be considerably revised."

German workers, meanwhile, are deserting the Russian sector of Berlin by the hundreds and some agencies of the Communist regime have been nearly paralyzed as a result, a Western sector report said today. In the Soviet telegraph office, alone, 700 men have left their jobs to go to Western Berlin. It was asserted—United Press.

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Hongkong Can Make It

"HONGKONG Can Make It" is a catchphrase which manufacturers in this Colony could confidently adopt without fear of challenge, for the variety of articles turned out by local factories, both for everyday use and for specialized purposes, is indeed wide. This fact was creditably demonstrated at the British Industries Fair held in London this summer, and rather took British and Commonwealth visitors to the Fair by surprise. Hongkong products made such a good showing there that more elaborate arrangements are planned for next year. Meanwhile, our manufacturers are going ahead with promotion plans in different territories locally, they are today holding their most ambitious exhibition to date, and it should prove an eye-opener, possibly even to many Hongkong folk who may not have realized the rapid strides that local industries have taken since the end of the war. Many thriving small industries before the war, and its products found a good market in many countries. Many plants, however, were destroyed or looted during the Japanese regime, while producing still also fell victims to the toll of war and enemy occupation. When liberation came, there was hardly a factory which could resume where it left off in 1941; in addition, there were difficulties in obtaining plant and raw

materials as well as uncertainty as to markets. Great credit is due to the manufacturers, no less than to Government officials charged with the task of assisting this phase of rehabilitation, that Hongkong industry has recovered to its present extent. In wishing the Chinese products exhibition the success it deserves, we would also add that the enterprise should be given the widest possible publicity outside of the Colony. It is possible that there are, in Hongkong at the moment, some visiting traders from overseas, and the Kowloon display should be of exceptional interest to them. The principal object of the exhibition would appear to be to bring to the attention of the overseas markets how worthy it is these days to deal with Hongkong products: wherefore the organisers should make every effort to attract the practical interest of the various overseas made commissioners resident in the Colony. Our manufacturing industries might also be usefully promoted outside the Far East by the Chambers of Commerce co-operating in producing an attractive, well illustrated, and thoroughly catalogued brochure which could be widely distributed. The exhibition will undoubtedly serve a useful local purpose, but for it to enjoy any sustained benefits its features must be brought to the attention of traders in other parts of the world.



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Christmas Gifts From Your Kitchen

By ALICE DENHOFF

IN making up the holiday gift list, there are invariably people to whom one desires to give a small, intimate, yet personal gift, rather than an expensive or even inexpensive something from a store. That's where a gift from your very own kitchen, made by your own fair hands, is very much of the essence.

Such a gift might well be a fat little jar of delicious homemade jam, beautifully wrapped and be-ribboned. For a quickly prepared but ever-so-good marmalade jam, remove seeds and webby membranes from 2 c. tangerine sections. Then chop the fruit. Combine with 2 tbsp. each chopped tangerine and grapefruit peel, also chopped, and with 1/4 grapefruit juice, 3/4 c. sugar and 1/2 c. light corn syrup. Place in saucepan over low heat and bring to a boil, cooking rapidly for 10 min. Remove from heat; pour into sterilized jelly glasses or in a dish to cool. Makes about 2 c. jam. To "chop" citrus peel and pulp, use your kitchen scissors.

Stick whole cloves into the skin of very thin-skinned oranges until the rind is completely covered, a store that the small fry will enjoy. Then roll the orange in equal parts of powdered sugar, root and ground cinnamon. Put in as much of the powdered mixture as will adhere to the orange. Wrap the pomander in tissue paper or other soft paper and keep for several weeks. Remove paper, shake off any loose powder, and the pomander is then ready for shelves or drawers.

To hang in a closet, crochet a loose circular cord, or simply tie the pomander with a piece of ribbon, ending in a loop. Pomanders will keep their fragrance for many years and make pretty gifts.

Not home made but assembled by the giver is a good spice shelf. For the male or female gourmet, especially for curry addicts, how about assembling a "curry set-up": curry powder, long grain rice, chutney, peanuts, preserved ginger? A beautiful salad bowl and with it a collection of salad-spices and herbs: paprika, mustard seed, celery seed, pepper, garlic, salt, is a good choice.

Another Home-made Gift

Not really a kitchen item, but made from items in your kitchen, that's the story of the next small gift. Mix together an ounce of ground cloves, powdered nutmeg, and ground cinnamon. Sew into pretty little bags, and there you have sachet with a delicious odour, one that moths will stay away from.

And how about making up a batch of pomanders for those small, clove-stuck oranges? Pomanders, used in Colonial times to scent drawers and closets and to do battle with the pesky moth. Today they are very popular again.

After Dark



By ALICE ALDEN

WHEN IT IS advisable to travel light—and that is nearly always these days—clothes must be chosen with great care. An ideal travelling companion, is the essentially simple but very smart dinner dress of the informal type, which, when teamed with its own jacket, becomes an effective afternoon costume. Paul Faries comes up with a real beauty of soft gray woolen with Venice lace that sets off the rounded neckline and gracefully accents the graceful skirt. The waist-length jacket is snugly fastened with self-covered ball buttons.

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1—Remove old polish thoroughly, using cotton—dipped in oily polish remover. Be sure that the remover is the oily variety. It is the acetone type of polish remover, not the liquid polish, which is responsible for many of the brittle nail difficulties. To banish traces of polish from the edges of the nails, use the tip of an orangewood stick, dipped in polish remover.

2—File and shape the nails, using the coarse side of an emery board. File in one direction only, never back and forth. Never let the edge of the emeryboard touch the cuticle. Use the fine side of the emeryboard for buffing the edges of the nails.

3—Buff the nails briskly so that they will provide a smooth base for liquid polish. This will also stimulate circulation. Scrub in warm, soapy water.

4—Dry thoroughly, remove cuticle, using a cotton-tipped orangewood stick dipped in oily cuticle remover. Work the stick gently around the edges of the nails to soften and loosen the cuticle, which overlaps the nail. Use the stick to move stubborn bits of dirt embedded under the nail tips.

5—Go over the nails again with oily polish remover to prepare the surfaces for the polish.

6—Apply a coat of polish foundation, then a single coat of polish. First, drain the brush on inside of neck of bottle so that there will not be too much on the brush. Outline the half-moons; then, with light even strokes, paint the polish over the tips of the nails. Use an orangewood stick to remove any polish that gets on the cuticle. Allow polish to dry thoroughly. Do not try to hasten drying by fanning or holding under a light. This may cause the polish to bubble or dry unevenly.

7—Finish by applying cuticle oil or little-messing it gently around bases and sides of nails. Be sure to use oil or cream every night to keep the cuticle properly conditioned. This daily use will make the weekly manicure a much simpler task.

The £10 Gap: Women turn to 'Utility'

By PATRICIA LENNARD

WOMEN are finding too few dresses in the shops to bridge the gap between top-price utility at £7 odd and top controlled price at nearly £18. They are therefore buying more utility clothes because the utility dress provides its own safeguard of quality: it must conform to certain standards, whereas there is no such specification for non-utility.

The dress sketched is typical of the better quality utility wool dresses on sale for winter. It is the prototype utility wool dress.



is still the classic shirtwaister; the New Look has made it rounder and longer, for these are the only concessions utility can make to fashion. Soft and pale turquoise blue wool is used by Dalsyl for the up-to-date classic shirtwaister (above).

A Child's First Lessons

By GARRY CLEVELAND
MYERS, Ph.D.

LONG before your school child has regular homework assignments, you may desire to help him with his reading, memory work or spelling. If you can do so without making it a burden to him, you and he might both find it a happy and profitable experience. It is fortunate if he asked you to hear him read for his pleasure, or to show you how he can count or spell. When he does so, you should express great delight over his achievement. When he brings home a paper of written work that has a perfect or high grade on it, display it on the wall.

You need to be calm and relaxed when you attempt to help a child of any age with his lessons. Set the stage so he won't feel anxious and hurried. When he forgets something, as a word or its spelling or a number fact, show no irritation. Just give him the correct item or show him how he can get it himself. Nothing is so important as for you never to raise your voice in anger or even to feel the least bit vexed at his slightest failure. Always be must feel hopeful and self-respecting. When his forgetting, errors and confusion seem to mount, persuade him to pause for some time.

If Child Lags
When in the upper grades or senior high school you learn that your child is lagging at school, you may be tempted to rebuke or punish him for his lagging. A more sensible way is to look at his ways of homework and help him improve them.

The child who has little or no regulation of his evening programme before he enters higher grade hardly has too good a preparation for serious application to regular homework. He needs to hold himself to a time schedule and to get down to serious business promptly. To this end more lecturing by the parents often does more harm than good. They need to be skillfully persuasive in a companionable family atmosphere.

Use Of Green In Decorating

By ELEANOR ROSS

THE use of green for many rooms, especially for the bedroom, has been confirmed in the model rooms that break out at this time of year. Green, restful, yet mildly stimulating, cheerful and smart, should be considered when doing over a bedroom. Homemakers will find unlimited possibilities for the use of green in the bedroom. The dominant colour in headboards, drapery and upholstery fabrics. Because green combines yellow and blue, it has the bright sunny qualities of yellow and the restful quality of blue. In a dark room, a bright sunny green adds safety and colour to earthy tones of light, while a cool darker shade of green is effective in an over-bright room.

Use Of Green
Nature's lavish use of green combined with the blue of the water and sky, the colours of the earth and the rainbow hues of flowers, demonstrates vividly the possibilities of mixing green with other colours, which can be equally well applied to work out desired room effects. Thus a pale green with pastel colours is appropriate for a bedroom of the dainty, feminine type. Dark bottle green with shades of beige or gray is a good choice for a masculine bed-

room study, while clear shades of green with accents is a mighty cheery combination for a child's bedroom.

A display of headboards shows upholstery in every shade of green for pale, charming to deep forest green, and in every type of material from simulated leather to luxurious quilted velvet.

Like Green Satin
There was a handsome headboard upholstered in lime green satin and another design was done in a deep green velvet with "button" tufting. Both nice for a definitely elegant type of room. More down-to-earth, for most of us, was a headboard done in white and green striped glazed chintz.

White accents are delightful in a green bedroom, especially for the deeper tones, and an especially nice choice for summer decor. Keep away from the too-pale greens unless they are well spiced with strong colour accents. As for the actual job, by choosing green to set the colour theme of the room, then planning a headboard to play up the particular decorative effect desired, the basic planning of a bedroom is done as the rest of the furnishings will be naturally suggested.

Consider Cut And Colour When You Shop For A New Dress



Gloria Henry, movie star, always looks chic because she chooses her clothes with an eye to colour and line.

By HELEN FOLLETT

EVERY clever dress designer knows that temperament as well as cut and colour must be considered when a woman shops for clothes. The woman who sees herself as a certain type, requiring certain kinds of attire, has already eliminated many of her difficulties. That frock is a success only if she feels at ease in it and regards it with affection.

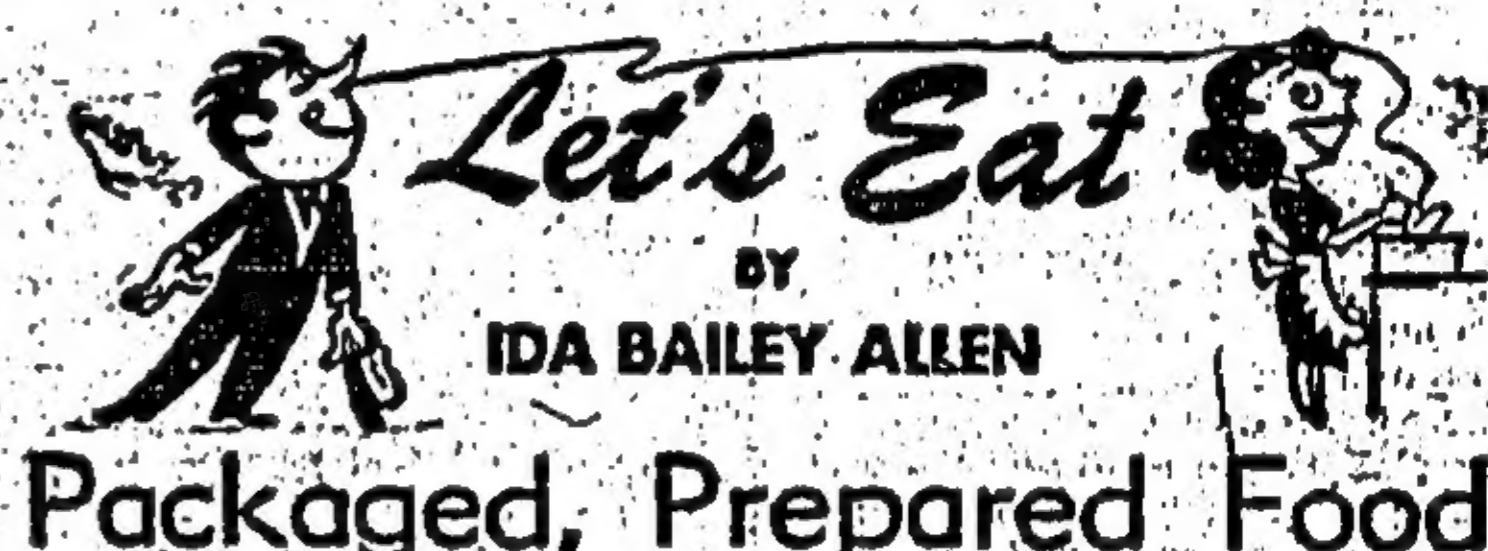
There are women who, by temperament, require dazzling colours and extreme styles. They know how to carry their duds with verve and flair. Other women who might, as far as physical characteristics go, wear the same models, would be utterly miserable in them because they are not temperamentally suited to extravagant designs.

To be clothes conscious is to be without pose. To feel "all dressed up" is to be ill at ease. It is overdressing that creates the frump. The lady of fashion knows that elegant simplicity has it all over over-the-top. Then, one sees the woman rather than the dry.

goods she wears. The wearer should dominate clothes, be of first importance, first to catch the admiring eye.

Black is, and probably will always be, one of the most popular colours, if colour it can be called. Not only because it is most sophisticated of all but because it never overpowers the wearer.

Certain colours suggest certain seasons. Red suggests festivity and joy. In spring there is a rush for pastel shades—delicate green, sunlight yellow, faint rose—because they are in harmony with the first blooms in the garden. During the winter season of furs and velvets and heavy fabrics, darker colours are in order. The woman who suffers from colour fear feels that she must wear cold greys, drab tones or dull browns up' is to be ill at ease. It is overdressing that creates the frump. The lady of fashion knows that elegant simplicity has it all over over-the-top. Then, one sees the woman rather than the dry.



Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Packaged, Prepared Foods

RECENTLY in speaking before an organization of young homemakers I found that one of the problems uppermost in their minds was the right use of packaged-prepared foods, such as the new bread and cake mixes, pie crust, canned meats, dinners-in-a-box and prepared desserts.

My answer was that they all have a place in the menu when time-saving justifies the expense, or when there is very little pantry storage space for a variety of ingredients.

Own Specialties
"But these 'convenience' foods should not interfere with the development of a good home-cooked cuisine for the family," said the Chef. "The homemaker should learn to cook her own specialties and to increase her cooking repertoire. The foods that come in packages are a good convenience, but they would be a little tiresome if they became a steady diet."

Individual Touches
The Chef looked bewildered. "It's the same with packaged prepared foods," I hastened to add. "They must be individualized by interesting seasonings and additions, or they will taste exactly like the foods served by everyone else."

"Absolutely agreed," said the Chef. "That is why I add fried onions to tomato soup, or a little diced mint to pea soup. I find the thinned fish very good for hors d'oeuvres, but those I also make individual. For example, I add onion cream and dill to the pickled herring. Your thinned salmon is par excellence; but even to that I add the diced raw onions or cucumbers, and a few capers. I also find it necessary to add a special personal touch to canned meats; otherwise they are too much of the same monotonous taste. Some of them are improved by slicing and sautéing with a little onion, celery or other vegetables. The luncheon meat and ham I like, and serve with flaky potatoes, or they are good to scallop with macaroni and cheese."

"Then there are the new packaged breads and mixes of all kinds," I added, "most of them of excellent reputation. Quite a number of these are within the budget class, and save considerable time. And these can also be personalized. A few dates, raisins, nuts or grated cheese added to a yeast-roll mix; 1/4 cup of shredded coconut stirred into the devil's food mix; packaged gingerbread made with black coffee instead of water. These and many other combinations can transform commercial foods into a specialties de la maison."

"The Chef chuckled. 'I like your French with the accent American!'" he commented. "And that reminds me—the special de la maison for our dinner will be custard cream with blackberries, made with a pre-

Dinner

Grapefruit Juice Cocktail

Chopped Steak Grill Brown Rice

Spinach

Butter or Margarine

Custard Cream with Blackberries

(tin)

Hot or Iced Tea or Coffee

Milk (Children)

All Measurements are Level

Recipes Serve Four

Chopped Steak Grill

To 1 lb. chopped beef (hamburger

steak a second choice) add 1/2 tsp.

salt, 1/4 tsp. garlic salt and 1/4 tsp.

pepper. Put through the food chop-

per a second time. Shape into 4 flat,

round patties 1/2 in. thick. Place on

oil, shallow pan; slip into a pre-

heated grill about 3 in. from

the heat, and broil until well

browned on one side; then turn and

brown the other, about 10 min. Al-

together. In the same broiler grill 4

large slices each onion and tomato,

and 4 small slices bacon.

To assemble, place the chopped

beef patties in the centre of a good-

sized heated platter. Four over a

little melted butter or margarine

and top each with a slice of crisp

broiled bacon. Surround with the

broiled onion and tomato slices

overlapping. Garnish with parsley.

Broiled Onion and Tomato Slices

Peel 1 large onion. Remove the ends

and cut 4 slices 1/2 in. thick. Brush

with a little melted fat, dust with

salt and pepper, flour or fine bread

crumbs, and place in an oiled shal-

low pan. Prepare slices of 1 large,

scarcely ripe tomato in the same

way, and put in the pan with the

onion. Drip over 1 tsp. melted fat

and broil until brown on one side,

then turn to brown the other. Allow

8 to 10 min.

Custard Cream With

Blackberries (tin)

Make up 1 package prepared

vanilla pudding according to direc-

tions, flavouring it with 1/4 tsp. pow-

dered cinnamon. Transfer to, sher-

bet glasses and chill. Before serving

top with sugared blackberries.

Trick Of The Chef

To keep and prepare blackberries

or raspberries before serving: First

pick them over, and remove any im-

perfect berries or bits of stem. Do

not wash. Spread on a plate covered

with a paper towel, cover with wax-

ed paper and keep in the refrig-

erator. Just before serving

place in a sieve and rinse gently

with cold water. Drain and dry on

a paper towel.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



AERIAL TOPOGRAPHY—Lockheed P2V Neptunes of the U.S. Navy flying over the barren terrain of the Fairweather Range in southeast Alaska. The planes are photomapping the Alaskan area, in co-operation with the U.S. Department of the Interior, to determine the water power possibilities of the "panhandle" area from Skagway to the south.



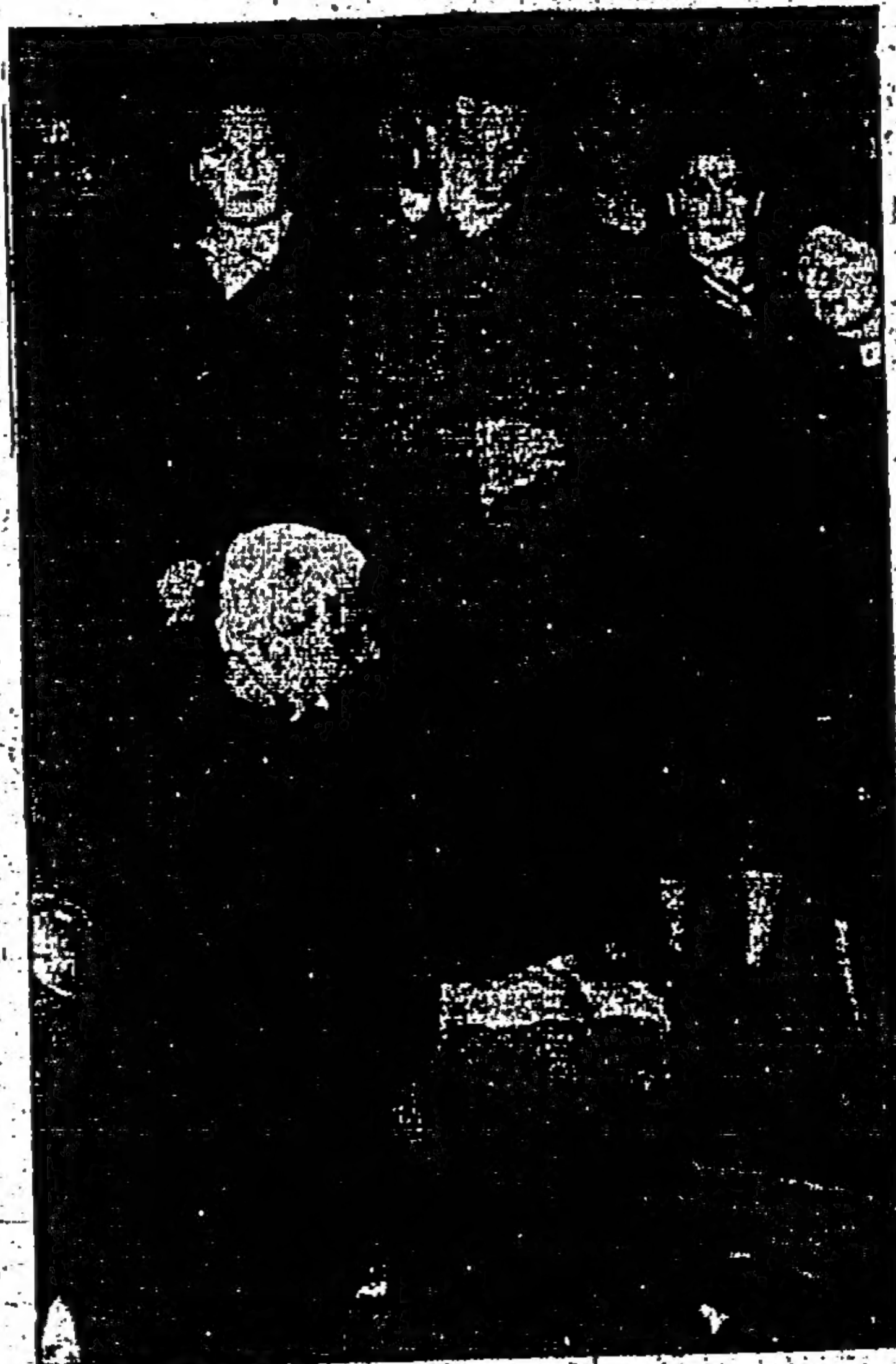
CUTLASS CAPER—Renowned for his dazzling leaps and obstacle jumps, which have brought him world records, skater Harris Legg sails over the bared swords of pretty pirate lassies in the Madison Square Garden. He is practicing his Pirate's Plunder number for the New York showing of the Ice Follies.



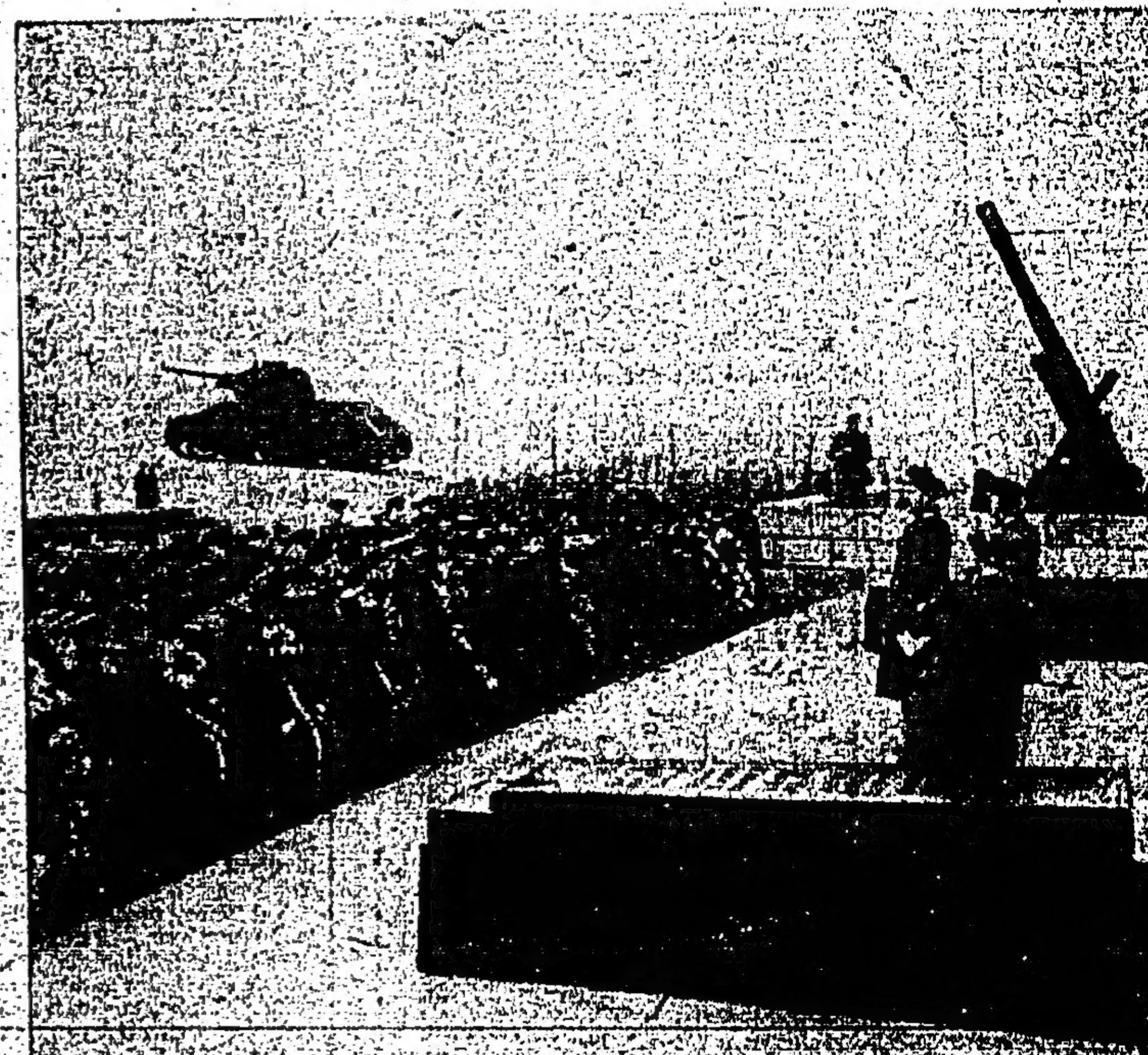
LAZY MAN'S SAW—Marines at Quantico, Virginia, have been testing this two-wheeled, self-propelled tractor saw with special care. If it passes all the tests, it will be used for clearing passages through wooded areas in the wake of amphibious landings. One saw can level flush-to-the-ground cuts of 40-inch trees faster than several crews of men with ordinary logging tools.



FLAGS FOR THE MAYOR—Twenty competitors in the 68th International Six-Day Bicycle Race, held in New York City, present their countries' flags to acting Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri at the City Hall. The pedal pushers, many of whom are dressed in the colours of their respective nations, represent 14 countries.



QUIETENS DOWN—An inspired demonstrator seems a bit less enthusiastic as he sits it out on a car bumper on the Champs Elysees in Paris. Communist war veterans battled police in an Armistice Day demonstration.



IN THE BRITISH SECTOR—A Russian general addresses troops at the huge Soviet War Memorial located in the British sector of Berlin. Occasion was the 31st anniversary of the Russian revolution.

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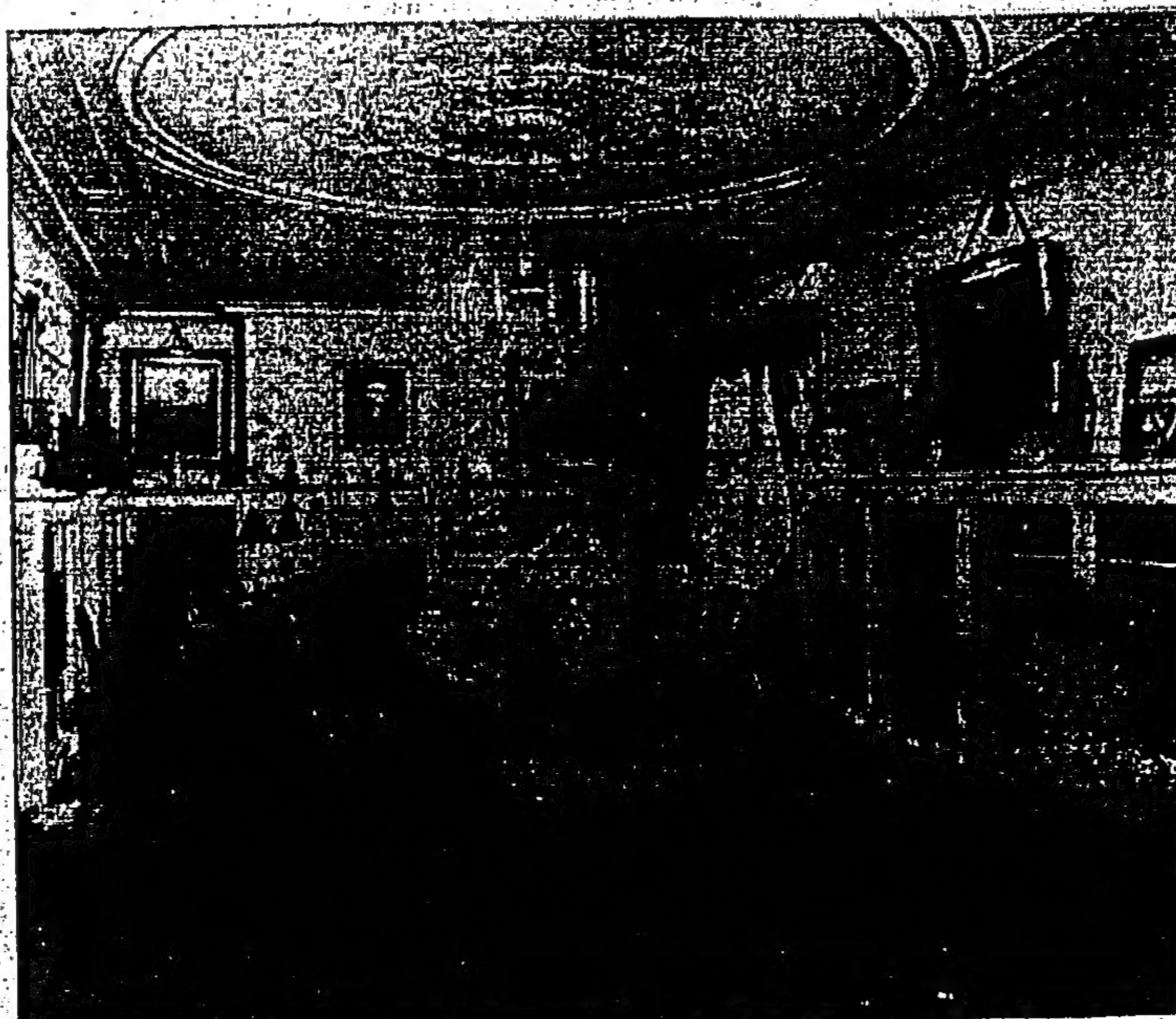
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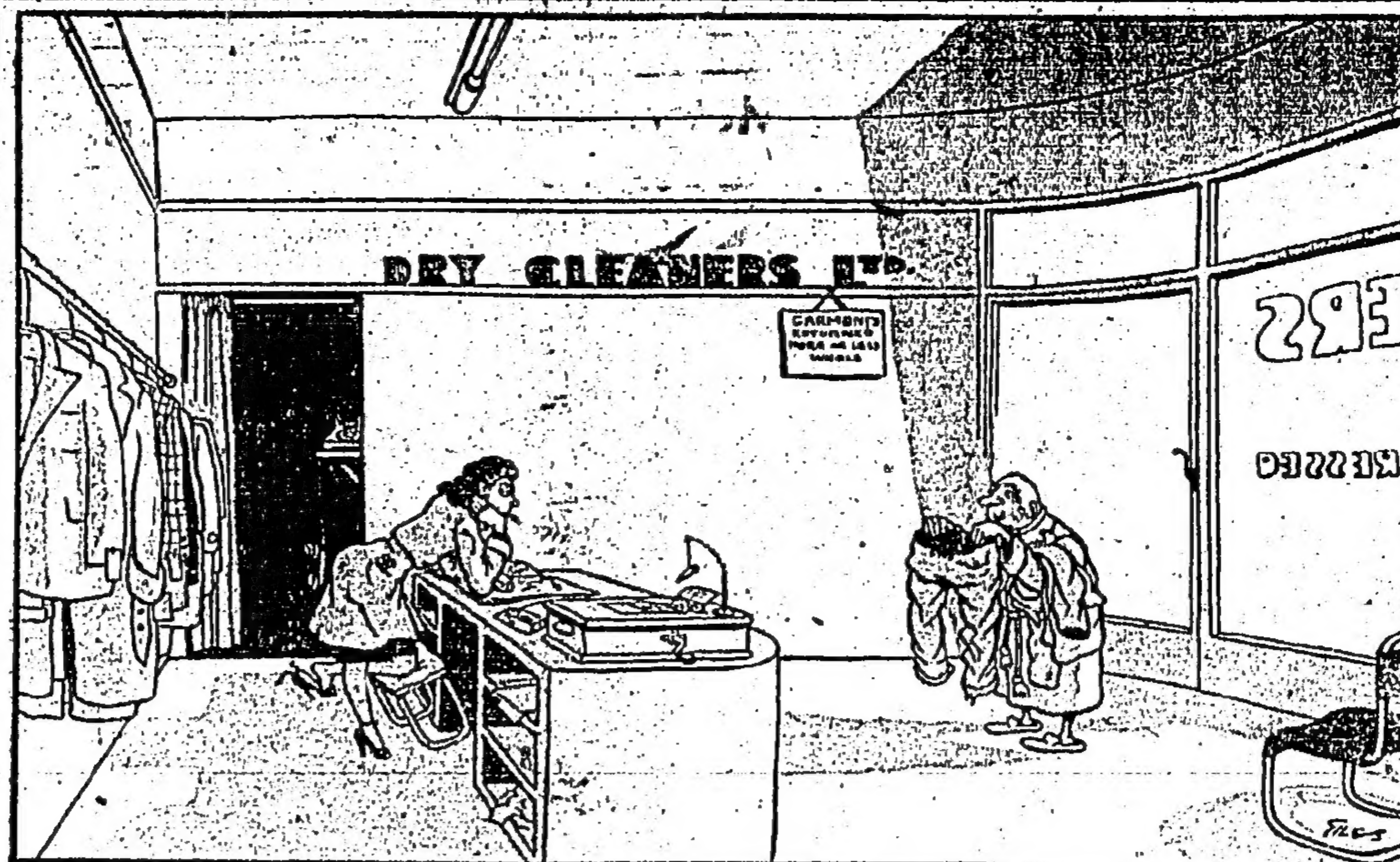
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"Any chance of getting these done in time for this Festival of Great Britain in 1951?"

IS STALIN FOOLING?

By ROBERT MUSEL

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Since Russia fooled the world by using her second-string army in the Finnish war of 1939, people have been chary of criticising Marshal Stalin's military machine.

This correspondent is no exception. For the last few days he has been walking through the Soviet sector of this partitioned city, and the men and officers he saw seem to bear no relation to the almost legendary heroes who triumphed over the German Wehrmacht.

Most newspapermen who have seen the Russians here at close range have about the same opinion. If the shabby troops in this Western outpost of Russia are the pick of Stalin's men—as they are sometimes said to be—it raises the interesting question of what sort of troops are stationed closer to Moscow where the West cannot see them. But there again, Marshal Stalin may be trying to fool the West.

The flower of his forces may have been withdrawn to the homeland, to be replaced by men and boys—mostly the latter—one sees trudging through the streets of their sector, in worn grey-blue overcoats and never looking very happy in daylight. I have yet to see one of them smile.

They ride stiffly in little motor cars or march along as though bound on urgent business, without friendly curiosity for Americans, British or French.

NOT WELL FED

The American military intelligence suspects that the Russian troops are not as well fed or billeted as their wartime allies and that bathing facilities certainly are more limited too. Most Americans who deal directly with the Russians say they are not such bad fellows when you get to know them, and they have real respect for some of the Soviet officers.

Of the Russian rank and file, one American officer said: "They're not so much individuals but there's so damn many of them."

Occasionally, Russians wander into the Anglo-American sectors in search of frivolity, and sometimes American and British military police have to spank them when the celebrating gets too violent and send them back home.

American officers, incidentally, say reports of Russian raping of German girls are highly exaggerated, but they probably have the edge on the rest of the occupying troops when it comes to occupying courthouses.

TOP SECRET

The nondescript troops Stalin has seen fit to station in this showcase for the West are not the only signs that might hark back to 1939. At Kosen airfield, most Russian transport is the horse and wagon, and Americans who have driven through long Russian-occupied stretches have been equally mystified at the apparent lack of trucks, command cars and other vehicles. Even planes which have been manoeuvring from the Russian airfields over Brandenburg, Kosen and Perleberg are suspiciously old-fashioned—Yaks and PO-2s, which the American pilots call "sewing machines". This could be more of Stalin's spooning. Allied intelligence knows he has jet planes, at least one of which equals and possibly surpasses the American P-51. In fact, they know a good deal of what lies behind the facade Russia presents of the West. But the most of it is top secret.—United Press.

'Money mania' is killing British films

by MILTON SHULMAN

FOR months now I have watched such lovely creatures as Linda Darnley, Moira Shearer, Vivien Leigh, Christine Norden, Paulette Goddard go through Maori risings, commit beautiful suicides, seduce the royalty of Europe, corrupt politicians, fight duels with whips in a series of extravagant epics variously called "Forever Amber," "The Red Shoes," "Idol of Paris," "Green Dolphin Street," "Anna Karenina" or "An Ideal Husband."

But neither the graceful way in which these ladies achieved their separate fates, nor the presence of Technicolour and a cast of thousands, nor budgets ranging from £200,000 of £600,000 nor the shrill cries of the publicity boys, could prevent me from viewing their antics with a curious, cold detachment mingled with an irresistible tendency to yawn, fidget and wonder when it was all finally and mercifully going to end.

Laughs, Tears

Yet recently I have seen four Continental films—the French films "Le Silence est d'Or" and "L'Idiot" and the Italian films "Shoe Shine" and "Four Steps in the Clouds."

They were photographed in the simplest tones of black and white. They contained no glamorous women like Margaret Lockwood or Lana Turner. They did not rely on Babylonian sets, Technicolour or best-selling novels. They were all made at a cost of well under £100,000.

Yet they made me laugh. They made me cry. They hit me look deep into the hearts and minds of people I knew and could understand. They showed me how thrilling and exhilarating the cinema could really be.

The Secret

Now what is there about these postwar Italian and French films that have made critics everywhere search their thesauruses for the appropriate laudatory adjectives and why is it that the latest British and American productions have made vitriol and asbestos so essential an ingredient of every critic's writing equipment?

Perhaps Roberto Rossellini, the director of the Italian films, Open City and Paisa, has the short, but complete, answer to that question. "My films try to present life—not to represent it," he said.

And a short trip across the Channel would show British film-makers how it is possible to make good films cheaply. For the French would tell them how they made "Le Silence est d'Or" for £90,000, "L'Idiot" and "La Symphonie Pastorale" for £50,000 each. The Italians would do even better than that by showing him how "Open City" was made for £25,000 and "Shoe Shine" and "Four Steps in the Clouds" for £35,000 each. Some recent British films have cost as much as £300,000 each.

Now undoubtedly the French and the Italians also make bad pictures. But not nearly as often and not Americans. In fact statistics would show that whereas the Latins pull off a worthwhile picture about once in every four tries our best average seems to be about one in ten, and the Americans about one in 20.

Yet such dreary Anglo-American statistics are likely to become much more depressing if films continue to be made by men who study



The Italians have the "know-how": a scene from the success, "Four Steps in the Clouds."

scripts as if they were balance-sheets, and handle ideas as if they were overdrafts. For it is undoubtedly this accountant's attitude to film production which has transformed an artistic medium into a frozen asset.

"How much will it cost?" and "What will it gross?" are the litmus tests that determine whether or not a film will be made. No one ever asks: "What is it trying to say?" and "Is it worth saying?" Thus, with very few exceptions, every new film must satisfy three

primary conditions before it can be passed through the stolid iron grill which many film producers use for a brain.

Old Mixture

1—The plot must be one that has made money before. Thus hard-riding cowboys, sinister Orientals, wise-cracking reporters, petulant chorus girls, sadistic gangsters, suave psychiatrists, hard-bitten Legionnaires, omniscient detectives, hisping infant prodigies and glamorous courtesans continue to parade across the screen in an endless and infantile display of posturing primpings and babblings merely because those self same cowboys, Orientals, reporters, chorus girls, etc., made money doing the same silly things some time before.

2—Every film must have what is superlatively known as a star. This means that some well built young woman is hysterically and blatantly publicised as possessing the combined qualities of Sarah Bernhardt, Madame Curie and Helen of Troy and is henceforth presented three or four times a year to perform her limited repertoire of hip-swaying, cooing and cooing in a nurse's uniform, a sarong or a bubble bath.

3—No film must be controversial. It must not say anything that will offend Catholics, Protestants, Jews, socialists, capitalists, trade unionists, vegetarians, housewives, school-children, the Legion of Decency, the Breen Office, the American Way of Life, the Empire, Western Union, Uno and anti-involutionists. In short it must say

nothing at all. And in fact it succeeds financially because it combines the adolescent appeal of chewing gum with the habit-forming quality of nicotine.

Sometimes, but only too rarely, a daring and mature idea manages to bloom for a moment in this desert of box-office sterility. Then we are enthralled with pictures like "The Informer," "It Happened One Night," "Modern Times," "Henry V," "Hamlet," "Boomerang," "Pygmalion," "Brief Encounter" and "Waterloo Road."

But these bright flames of cinematic genius are soon snuffed out because the commercial powers-that-be, either unaware of what has happened or frightened at the prospect of having to let it again, are busy churning out second-rate copies of the original or pretending that nothing new has taken place at all.

Thus year after year the same formula is presented in a slicker, more opulent and more extravagant manner. It is assumed that by making the same hackneyed plots more stupendous, more colossal and more gigantic than they were before they will somehow become better.

Real People

Some day both British and American film makers may awake to find that their audiences have grown up and that the sticky cinematic sweet ration that satisfied a public that has learned that the cinema can sometimes be intelligent.

When that day comes they will do well to study the techniques of the French and Italian studios who have made good pictures by the simple device of letting real people do real things in front of an intelligent camera. And then they will also discover that money alone will never produce a healthy cinema industry. That needs brains.

Russian Window

A weekly glimpse into the Russian mind, assembled from Moscow-circulated news in the Soviet sector of Berlin.

KROKODIL, the Russian comic paper, takes on Hollywood.

THE paper depicts a 12-year-old ruffianly looking boy, lounging back in a huge armchair, cigarette between his lips, feet on the table. Mother comes in stroking a pebble and says: "Johnny, I'm going to give you a watch for your birthday." "No," scowls Johnny, "give me a revolver and I'll get the watch myself."

The title is "Hollywood Upbringing."

PRIVATE PROPERTY—with all mod. con—is no longer out of step.

FOR months past Soviet architects, builders, and engineers have been put through special refresher courses. They have had to rid their minds of ambitious projects for skyscrapers, theatres, and communal centres and think in more modest terms.

In one week recently, special "building brigades" have been assembled and instructed. Now the plan has been announced, and the architects and labourers turned loose.

"Our villages must be changed and made places fit for Soviet heroes to live in," the word went out.

Within the next four years three million homes are to be built in the villages. The Russians have been told by press and radio of the joys of home life, of owning one's own house, with a little garden front and back.

The complications of private property no longer strike terror into his heart. He is even encouraged to set to and build his own home without waiting for the special building brigades.

The ideal home for the villager is described as a four-room affair with wide windows, a bathroom, with "hygienic fittings" and a veranda.

The new model villages will replace the cluster of log-and-mud hovels of the old days. The clean sweep made by the Nazis of Soviet villages inspired the four-year plan announced recently.

A NEW version of the Marshall plan comes out of the hat.

IN Moscow's best variety theatre a conjurer appears on the stage wearing a mask, which passes for Secretary of State Marshall. He raises his top hat and out flies a white dove with an olive twig in its beak.

It flies round the room and perches on a small table. The magician follows it and places his hat over



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the bird. After a few seconds he raises his hat again and presto, the dove has become an atom bomb. Prolonged applause.

A FAMOUS contralto makes a song about the inadequacies of composers.

MADAME BARSOVA, who is one of the finest contraltos of the Moscow Opera, is unhappy about Soviet composers. In fact, in this month's issue of "Soviet Music," she has written an open letter to the composers complaining that they are no longer writing good operas or good songs for the singers.

"The public is leaving the theatres unimpressed and disappointed," she writes. "Melodious expression is lacking because there is no song in the souls of our composers. 'Like a breath of fresh air,' we must have a modern Soviet operatic repertoire. The Soviet people demand a worthy Soviet opera, and it is the duty of the composers and singers to work together to achieve it."

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Madame Chiang's Visit Is A Failure

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Robert A. Lovett, told a press conference today that there was no change in United States foreign policy towards China. He said that Madame Chiang Kai-shek's visit to the United States has resulted in no change in United States foreign policy towards China and that United States foreign policy as laid down by Congress recognises the National Government of China under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and has implemented aid to that Government.

As the reporters attempted to draw Mr Lovett out on China, he reiterated emphatically several times in response to various questions that the United States has not changed its foreign policy.

One reporter said that the last statement he remembered on United States foreign policy towards China, called for a broadening of the Nationalist Government to include Communists.

Mr Lovett said that he did not agree with the accuracy of the recollection. He said that he had no information concerning the formation of a coalition government in China except what he had seen in the newspapers.

Asked about the reports of projected changes in the Nationalist Government constitution, Mr Lovett said that he has heard no such reports. He said that the United States has no plans as far as he knows to call the United States Amendment to Nanking home for consideration.

He said that the Ambassador, Dr. Hsien Shih, considered coming home to make a speech last month, but cancelled his plans. Mr Lovett said that he has heard nothing since then.

Mr Lovett said that there were no indications whatever of any programme calling for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to seek refuge in the United States should his Government fail.

Mr Lovett's words meant Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek were in response to a question about rumours in Nanking that Generalissimo Chiang might flee to America. Asked if he had any information on Madame Chiang's plans to return home, he said that he had no information.—United Press.

CLARIFICATION

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, today conferred with the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, for 25 minutes and afterwards told reporters: "I discussed with Mr Lovett the situation in China and sought clarification and elucidation of the position of the U.S. Government. I found the discussion helpful in that I received a good deal of clarification."

Dr Koo said Mr Paul Hoffman's remarks in Shanghai on Monday were "touched upon" during his talk with Mr Lovett. Asked whether there was any significance attached to Dr Hsien Shih's visit to Nanking, Dr Koo said political leaders there had been trying to enlist his services in the Government. Hu Shih formerly was Ambassador to the United States. Dr Koo said it was only natural Government leaders would want to consult Hu Shih to "get his ideas" on the critical situation. To other questions, Dr Koo said:

1. There was no truth in reports that Chiang Kai-shek might visit the United States. Dr Koo said he had direct information from Nanking that the reports were false.

2. His transmission to Congress of the appeal for help by the Chinese Yuan was "routine."

3. He was endeavouring to translate money paid out under the US\$25,000,000 United States military aid programme "into actual supplies."

4. He did not know when Madame Chiang would return to China.—United Press.

COOL RECEPTION

Washington, Dec. 15.—China's direct plea to Congress for more American aid appeared today destined for as cool a reception as the one given Madame Chiang Kai-shek's personal appeal to President Truman.

The Chinese Yuan, in an extraordinary message bypassing both President Truman and the State Department, called for more United States assistance to check the "growing peril" of world Communism. The Yuan, China's second highest elective body, appealed directly to the House Speaker, Representative Joseph W. Martin.

It warned that the Communist successes in China threatened all Asia, Europe and the Americas as well.

The appeal was handed to Mr Martin by the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo.

Diplomatic sources greeted the Yuan's message with raised eyebrows. It is almost unprecedented for governments to bypass normal diplomatic channels and communicate directly with Congress.

There was some speculation that the step was taken because of Madame Chiang's apparent inability to get specific pledges of more American aid from Mr Truman and the Secretary of State, Mr George C. Marshall.

The Chinese legislators apparently banked on the fact that Representative Martin and other prominent Republicans have been strong supporters in the past of large scale aid to China.

But the highest foreign policy sources in Congress expressed the belief that any new China programme must stem from the Administration. And the Administration thus far has been reluctant to become further involved in the Chinese civil war.—United Press.

Trade Agreement Postponed

London, Dec. 15.—The initialling of the Anglo-Swedish trade agreement was postponed at the last moment without explanation. A Swedish Embassy spokesman today Reuter: "The agreement will be announced simultaneously by the Board of Trade here and in Stockholm tomorrow night—if it is initialled tomorrow."

An authoritative British source had earlier today described the agreement as a "compromise" indicating that Britain had agreed to cuts in Swedish imports of British textiles.—Reuter.

Gags At The Metropolitan Opera Opening



Stanley Closely Watched By Authorities For Eight Years

London, Dec. 15.—Sidney Stanley, the key figure in the Tribunal probing alleged corruption in Government circles, was said today to have been watched constantly since 1940 by officials seeking to enforce his deportation.

An official of the Aliens Office, Ernest George Warner, gave details of deportation order said to have been made out in 1933 against Stanley and his brother, Marcus Wulkan, now in the United States.

Warner produced the order, which he said was made against Solomon Koshyzek, alias Rechstadt, known as Sid Wulkan and later as Sidney Stanley.

The police had been unable to trace "Sid Wulkan" from 1933 until 1940, when it was no longer possible to deport people to Poland. The deportation order against his brother, Marcus Wulkan, was recently revoked.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Earlier today, the 22nd day of the hearing, the Minister of Works, Mr Charles Key, answered accusations made by anonymous letter writers. The Tribunal Chairman said four letters had come to the Tribunal alleging that a company named, Intrade Limited, had received special consideration in materials and licences because Mr Key and other Ministers were friends of a director.

One letter alleged that Captain Gordon Shiner, the director, had written to a newspaper reporter that he could obtain any materials he wanted, and had only to speak to a Minister to "cut the red tape."

The Attorney General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, said another communication on the affairs, from a journalist, had been found to be largely inaccurate.

Mr Key agreed that he was a close personal friend of Captain Shiner, but insisted this friendship has never affected any of his decisions as Minister of Works.

ON FRIENDLY TERMS

Mr Key was shown letters addressed to him by Captain Shiner mentioning Intrade's applications for licences. He said these letters had never been presented to him personally, but had been opened by his department officials and replied to officially.

Captain Shiner told the Tribunal he had been on friendly terms with Mr Key and his family for 20 years. He had once given Mrs Key a miniature wristwatch on her birthday, and had given the children books on their birthdays.

He said a Sunday newspaper report quoting him as saying he could approach Ministers and cut through red tape was a "deliberate lie." He had never sought to exercise any improper influence on Ministers to get licences granted. He believed the anonymous letters sent to the Tribunal had been inspired by a personal enemy.

Later, Sir Hartley Shawcross referred to a report from the United States which he had quoted previously to the Tribunal, describing Marcus Wulkan as an "unmitigated scoundrel."

TOO ILL TO ATTEND

He had attributed it to the Proudfoot Agency but now it turned out the report was based on another, but no less reliable source. He had also received papers from the Foreign Office tending to confirm the suggestion made in the report.

The Tribunal heard a written telegram from the football pool promoter, Abe Sherman, who was said to be too ill to attend. Sherman said Stanley had told him Mr John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, was a particular friend of his and he might be able to help Sherman with his paper allocation.

Later, the Sherman statement, Abe and his brother, Harry, met Mr John Belcher. Harry told Mr Belcher what Stanley had been saying about him—that he had bribed Mr Belcher with £2,500, and that he had given him and Mrs Belcher other sums of money.

Mr Belcher was amazed at the suggestions and said: "Stanley is a dirty lying little bastard."

Sir Hartley Shawcross announced that the evidence available for the Tribunal had been completed.—Reuter.

"MYSTERY" WOMAN DISAPPEARS

Countess D'Andurain

Casablanca, Dec. 15.—Countess Marguerite D'Andurain—the "mystery woman of the Near East"—whose adventures are said to have included a visit to the holy city of Mecca disguised as a Bedouin tribesman, was reported today to have disappeared from Tangiers in unexplained circumstances.

Nothing has been heard of the 53-year-old countess since early last month when she was reported in Tangiers in her yacht, Djelma, in which she was said to be planning to bring gold from the Belgian Congo for sale in Tangiers.

The countess left her home on the morning of November 25 telling her maid she would return for lunch. She did not return and had not been seen since.

POLICE SECRECY

The Agence France Presse reported that the police kept the matter secret and ordered "not to prejudice their inquiries."

An expert in pearls and precious metals, the blonde French woman was thought in the two world wars to have contacts with British, French and German secret services.

A friendship with Lawrence of Arabia was spoken of. Her private life, described as "complicated," has a spectacular background.

One husband, a Prague nobleman, was found killed with 20 dagger wounds in his body. Another—the Bedouin Sheikh Soleiman—died mysteriously after taking her to Mecca.

A young nephew, died in 1946 after being given a poisoned chocolate. French court acquitted her of charges in connection with his death.—Reuter.

Reds In Peiping Suburbs

(Continued from Page 1)

Adding to the unsettled atmosphere, China Merchants Steam Navigation Company dock employees at Taku demanded assurances of continued employment upon learning that some higher servicing staffs were paid off.

The air of expectancy was intensified by the sudden departure of four China Merchants ships from Taku anchorage for Taku Bar, placing them outside the harbour area.—Reuter.

CANADIANS EVACUATING

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—It was announced today that arrangements were made to evacuate Canadians from Nanking and Shanghai by air starting on December 17.

The Canadian Minister, Mr. Eggoke Claxton, said that two planes capable of carrying 40 passengers each, were chartered by the Government.

The passengers will have to pay their own expenses.

The first flight is scheduled to leave China on December 17 and is expected to arrive in Vancouver on December 19.

The Government has made no decision to remove the Canadian Embassy staff as yet.—United Press.

Mrs Betty Henderson (centre), who last year enlivened proceedings at the Metropolitan Opera opening in New York City, by being pictured with her leg on a table, appeared at this year's opening with a hair-do including curls. Here she appears in a gag scene not on the programme with Paddy O'Gaity (left), identified as her physical trainer, and her escort, John Talbot, Jr.—AP Picture.

Two Appeals Dismissed

Two appeals against convictions in the October sessions were refused this morning by an Appeal Court comprising Mr Justice Reynolds and Mr Justice Wicks.

Both the appellants, Ng Chi-jeung, alias Ngai Wan, alias Li Wan, and Wong Po-kan, appealed on the grounds that they were falsely accused and wrongly convicted.

Ng was sentenced on October 26 by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, to nine years and nine strokes for robbery and demanding money with menaces. The offence took place in British waters on April 9, when several junk people were robbed of rice. Previously, Ng had a sentence for possession of arms reduced by the Governor to whom he appealed for clemency.

Wong was sentenced to 10 years and 10 strokes by the Chief Justice on October 19 for armed robbery and possession of arms on June 30, at 26, Morrison Hill Road. The victim of the robbery was Mr V. R. Ribeiro.

The Appeal Court held that there was adequate evidence in both cases which entitled the jury to convict.

Prince Charles Christened

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William, who will be seven years old next Saturday.

Prince William closed his eyes from the glare of flash bulbs as he went through the barrage of photographers.

The photographers agreed that Prince Charles was the perfect subject. In just over half an hour he was photographed for times. For most of the time he slept peacefully in the arms of Princess Elizabeth, the Queen or Queen Mary.

The King, who was also present, declined a chair offered him by the photographers. "I prefer to stand," he said. The Queen stayed for a few minutes with the cameramen, discussing photography in which she is very interested.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

11.00, Programme Summary: 8.01, Light Orchestra with some popular songs by John McIlhenny; 8.30, La Demi-heure Transatlantique (Studio); 9, World and Home News (London Relay); 1.10, Rawick and Landauer on Two Pianos; 7.30, "Down Beat" Discs presented by Paul Stuart (Studio); 8, "From the Editorial"; 9.20, "Crime, Gentlemen, please"; A Comedy Thriller by Max Keeler with Patricia Wayne and Basil Radford (BBC7B); 10, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.16, "Thursday Serenade"; A Programme of Continuous Music; 10.45, Music for Dancing; 11.15, Weather Report and Close Down.

FIRST WINTER SNOW

New York, Dec. 15.—New York had its first winter snow today. The night fall is expected to turn to rain.—Reuter.

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By Galbraith



"You ought to be proud, Mrs. Jones—your daughter will be the most beautiful bride I've seen all year! But she's going to wear a dress, isn't she?"

Board Of Control Steps In

DICK TURPIN REFUSED EUROPEAN TITLE FIGHT

London, Dec. 15.—Dick Turpin, the British and Empire middle-weight champion, has been refused permission by the British Boxing Board of Control to fight Cyrille Delannoit, of Belgium, for the latter's European title.

Turpin had been matched with Delannoit by a Belgian promoter, the fight to be held in Brussels next month, but Mr George Middleton, Turpin's manager, was informed by the Secretary of the Boxing Board, Mr Charles Donmall, that the fight would not be recognised.

The reason was that the Italian, Tiberio Mitri, who was also a contender, had held Turpin to a draw.

An ultimatum was presented to Mr Middleton by the Belgian promoter, calling for his signature to the contract by noon on Monday, December 13. Otherwise, he said, Mitri would take Turpin's place against Delannoit.

RETURN BOUT

Efforts are now being made to match Turpin and Mitri in a return bout. They boxed a draw in their final eliminator in London on November 20.

It is to be hoped that the European Boxing Union will follow the British Board's example if the Belgian promoter carries out his stated intention of allowing Mitri to take Turpin's place.

"It is ridiculous for a promoter to think that he can match men in a title fight when one of the contenders has not proved his claim to the contest," said Mr Donmall. "We shall protect the interests of our boxers at all times, and we expect the European Boxing Union to do likewise."

"If they do not, there may be a fight between Delannoit and Mitri to be a title contest until the eliminator has been decided," Reuter.

Woodcock v. Mills

London, Dec. 15.—A final agreement was reached in the early hours of this morning on the terms for the Bruce Woodcock versus Freddie Mills championship fight next summer.

Contracts will be signed today and Woodcock will leave to make his British, Empire and European Heavyweight titles.

RECORD

It Mills wins, the proposed contest, he will create a record by being the holder of seven titles as he holds at present the World, British, British Empire and European light heavyweight titles.

The suggested venues are the football ground at Highbury—the probable date is June 25.

Mills will not fight until that date, which means that his proposed fight with Gus Lesnevich in defence of his world cruiser-weight title will not take place before the end of the summer at the earliest.

Woodcock's only contest before he meets Mills will be against Johnny Ralph, the South African champion, in Johannesburg, early in the new year.

Mills is 29 years of age. Woodcock will be 28 next month. They have fought once before, at Harringay, on June 4, 1946, when Woodcock won a hard 12 rounds contest on points.—Reuter.

CONTRACTS SIGNED

Contracts for the Woodcock-Mills fight were signed at Jack Solomon's office soon after midday today.

Tom Hume and Ted Brown, the respective managers, signed on behalf of Woodcock and Mills respectively. Solomon anticipated that the gate may reach £100,000.

It is the first time that he has had contracts with either of the two boxers, although they have previously fought on his bills when, however, verbal promises were given and accepted.—Reuter.

Docusen Outpoints

Manuel Ortiz

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—Maxie (Little Duke) Docusen, New Orleans Filipino, drilled out a decision over world lightweight champion Manuel Ortiz in a 10-round non-title fight yesterday.

It was Docusen's 52nd straight win but this was his first over really top-flight opposition. Docusen weighed 129½ pounds, Ortiz 129½.

The sharpshooting Filipino kept a steady left in the El Centro, Calif., veteran's face, preventing him from getting set, but the bout was action filled and kept the gallery in a constant uproar. There were no knockdowns.—Associated Press.

Area Championship

London, Dec. 15.—Terry Allen, the Islington flyweight, will defend his Southern Area championship in a return fight with Dickie O'Sullivan of Finsbury Park at the Royal Albert Hall on January 24.

Allen won the title when he beat O'Sullivan on a disqualification.—Reuter.

Trophy For Boxer

New York, Dec. 14.—The Boxing Writers Association today recognised the Williams, light-weight champion, as the man who contributed most to sport during 1948, as it unanimously voted him for the annual Edward J. Neil Memorial trophy.—United Press.

END OF THE FIGHT



Close-up of the punch which ended the Lee Savold-Bruce Woodcock fight at Harringay Arena. The picture shows clearly that the blow landed well below the belt.—Photo by Michael Goodman Productions.

"We Were Robbed": Daly Explains

London, Dec. 15.—The British Boxing Board of Control on Wednesday freed American heavy-weight Lee Savold's purse for the fight on December 6 which he lost to Bruce Woodcock on a foul.

The Board's rules required it to delay the payment, estimated at £5,000, until its stewards had investigated the disqualification. The fight ended half way through the fourth round of a scheduled 10-round bout.

At Wednesday's meeting, Bill Daly, manager of Savold was asked to explain his statement "We were robbed."

NO REFLECTION

"I told them I meant no reflection on the officials," Daly reported. "I said I was referring to Woodcock for claiming a foul. I still feel Woodcock robbed Lee of a deserved knockout." Daly said the stewards were lenient to Lee for the "low right hand punch because he is used to America's 'no foul' rule."

Savold, Daly and Canadian light-weight Molly Cantor depart today by plane to Oslo to box an exhibition on Sunday. They return here on Monday to discuss future fights in Europe with promoter Jack Solomons.—Associated Press.

England XI Selected

Durban, Dec. 15.—England's Test team to meet South Africa in the first Test match of the present tour, starting tomorrow, was announced as follows:

Len Hutton, Cyril Washbrook, R. T. Simpson, F. G. Mann, A. V. Bedser, Denis Compton, G. Gladwin, T. G. Evans, A. Watkins, D. V. P. Wright, R. Jenkins, with M. F. Tremlett as 12th man.

The newcomers to Test rank are Mann, Jenkins and Simpson.

To-day's election means that J. Crapp, S. C. Griffith, C. Palmer and J. Young have been omitted.—Reuter.

W. INDIANS' TOUR

Bombay, Dec. 15.—When stumps were drawn today, the Club Cricket Conference team had scored 253 runs for the loss of two wickets against the West Indies tourists.—Reuter.

CRICKET TEAMS

The KCC seniors are short of several of their regular players for the first division cricket match against the Navy at Cox's Road on Saturday, starting at 1.45 p.m.

The team to do duty is: R. E. Lee (capt.), N. Hart Baker, A. Zimmerman, J. Barrow, F. R. Zimmern, C. J. Smith, J. P. Hewitt, E. M. L. Soares, W. A. Nicholas, W. H. Cowie and F. E. Lawrence. Umpire, C. J. Merritt; scorer, J. P. Robinson.

RECREIO

The Club de Recreio 1st XI to meet I.R.C. on Saturday at Soakunp will be A. M. Prata (Capt.), P. M. Nolasco da Silva Jr., Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Dr. E. L. Gossard, B. T. Gossard, C. Gossard, C. N. Gossard, A. P. Pereira, N. A. Beltrao, L. Vieira, D. M. Rodrigues, Umpire, A. E. Noronha. All are requested to meet at Club Lusitano at 1 p.m.

RECREIO 2ND XI

The following will represent the Club de Recreio 2nd XI in a League Match against I.R.C. at King's Park on Saturday: E. A. R. Alves (Capt.), J. L. R. Alves, O. S. O. Almeida, L. J. R. Almeida, C. A. Guterres, L. E. Guterres, C. J. Soares, R. Almeida, E. M. Rozaio, C. Yvanovich.

SCORPIONS

The Scorpions team to play the Army at Soakunp on Saturday will be as follows: A. M. Prata (Capt.), P. M. Nolasco da Silva Jr., Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Dr. E. L. Gossard, B. T. Gossard, C. Gossard, C. N. Gossard, A. P. Pereira, N. A. Beltrao, L. Vieira, D. M. Rodrigues, Umpire, A. E. Noronha. All are requested to meet at Club Lusitano at 1 p.m.

OCCASIONALS

The following will represent the "Occasionals" in their match against the R.A.P. at Chater Road on Saturday, commencing at 1.45 p.m.: L. D. Kilby, R. W. Franklin, K. A. Miller, P. P. Mahon, P. Mahon, A. E. Perry, M. L. Little, A. Brown, A. L. Smith, C. T. Howe, 12th man, W. J. Slater.

OPTIMISTS

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AS BETTING ON THE RACES

It's As Risky Just Raising A Horse

By RAY AYRES

Raising race horses can be as risky as betting on them and each time a new stallion makes his first season at stud, breeders are faced with a dilemma.

Despite an impressive racing record, a young stallion must prove his merit all over again in a new career.

Before he does, his services usually are available and for a modest fee.

After he does, it's almost impossible to send mares to him and it costs the lucky ones who do about three times as much.

FIRST SEASON

Among the stallions making their first seasons at Stud in the United States in 1949 will be Mighty Story, a son of Mahmoud, and a winner of \$140,405; Precuppy, a brother to Occupation and Occupy, who specialised in winning futurities; the Doge, a son of Bull Dog; and For Liberty, a son of Bull Lea.

Each will stand for \$500 while Richard N. Ryan's Argentinian who won \$270,775, stands off at \$750. Reply Paid, a son of Questionnaire, sire of Requested, will stand for \$300.

CONTRACTED FOR

On the other hand, no services will be sold on Rico Monte who also will make his first season in Stud next year.

All his services have been contracted for privately or reserved by his owner, Arnold Hanger.

The illustrious Bull Lea, whose progeny have won well over a million dollars this year, was advertised for a modest \$750 when he entered Stud in 1940.

But the stallion who gave the turf such outstanding performers as Citation, Armed, Twilight Tear, Bewitch, Faultless, Coastown and many others now is advertised for \$2,500.

TOKEN ANNOUNCEMENT

This is merely a token announcement for his book is full for 1949 and probably for several years after that.

Those who decided to take a chance on Requested when he entered Stud in 1942, got in on the ground floor of a bargain.

His fee was only \$300 the first year and when advertised for 1949 had been raised to \$2,500 with hundreds of breeders who are willing to pay that or more but who are unable to book a mare to him.

RACING AGE

Requested has only two crops to reach racing age but there have been stakes winners in each of them.

This year his sons and daughters have won over \$400,000 and his stakes winners this year include Miss Request, the leading three-year-old filly, My Request, one of the better three-year-old colts, Model Cedei, Compliance and Prince Quest.

Breeders who utilised Requested's services now have a very negotiable product in the weanlings romping over their pastures.

BIG WINNERS

Three yearlings brought a total of \$40,000 at Saratoga this summer where Requested was sold for \$1,300 in 1940 and at the sales next year Requested youngsters will be in greater demand.

Had Requested failed as a sire, those who hesitated to use him

RUGBY UNION

Australians In Trials

London, Dec. 15.—Now that the Scottish Rugby Union selectors have chosen Douglas Keller, the New South Wales forward, for the first trial at Murrayfield on Saturday, it would not be surprising if the Irish Committee invited Clement Windsor, another Australian resident in England, to take part in one or more of their trials.

Windsor is now a doctor at Middlesex Hospital, and has been assisting the London Irish—his parents were born in Ireland though he comes from Brisbane—and his form with the club has already reached the ears of the Irish selectors.

Like his colleague, Keller, he was a member of the Australian party which toured Great Britain last season. A sound if unspectacular fullback, with a strong left foot kick, Windsor did not play in any international owing to the brilliance of B. J. Piper, but he gained a cap in the second Test against the All Blacks in the previous season.

Twenty-nine years of age, Windsor learnt his football at St. Joseph's College, Brisbane, and played for Queensland from 1945 to 1947.—Reuter.

Navy's Lineup

For their Quadrangular Rugby Tournament Match against the Club on Saturday at Soakunp, Kick off 2.15 p.m., the Navy, for the first time this season, will be at full strength—in spite of injuries to Smith and Hall after last week's match and the continued absence of Lloyd.

Newcomers are Hankin, of HMS Dampier at centre-three, and the Devon and Navy front row forward Stowell. In addition, Reobham, Nicoll and Bodman of HMS Sussex return to the side which will be as follows:

Yeoman Mathieson (Tamar); Lt(E) Reobham (Sussex); Lt(E) Hankin (Dampier); Mid-Kemp (London); A. H. Mitchell (Tamar); Lt Nicoll (Sussex); 215 p.m., the Navy, for the first time this season, will be at full strength—in spite of injuries to Smith and Hall after last week's match and the continued absence of Lloyd.

Replay

London, Dec. 15.—The Football Association's Consultative Committee, acting on behalf of the Council, have ruled that the Bradford City versus New Brighton Cup, Second Round, replay should take place at New Drighlington on Saturday next.

Through bad light, extra time was not possible in the first game at Bradford.—Reuter.

Rugger Results

London, Dec. 15.—Eastern Counties beat Surrey in the Rugby Union County Championship today, 12-3. Friendly match, the Admiralty Services beat the United Services, Portsmouth 8-0.—Reuter.

SPORTS ITEMS FROM LONDON

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION NOW CONTROLS 1,000 CLUBS

Field hockey has become an increasingly popular sport in England, and the number of clubs in the Hockey Association now number about 1,000.

For competitive purposes, England is organised on a geographical basis into five Regions—North, South, East, West and Midlands—while Combined Services rank as a sixth.

The traditional opening of the hockey season took place on the first Saturday in October, and by 1949 clubs will have settled down to play through a carefully prepared fixture list.

Early in 1949 most of the Regions will have held their trial matches with the best players drawn from clubs in their area.

On six successive Saturdays in January-February the following matches will take place: South v. North at Worthing, Sussex (January 15); West v. Combined Services at Swindon, Wiltshire (January 22); North v. East at Sheffield, Yorkshire (January 29); Midland v. West at Evesham, Worcestershire (February 5).

Two more matches will take place at Norwich, Norfolk: East v. South (February 12) and Combined Services v. Midlands (February 19).

From these teams, players will be chosen for the Hockey Association trials to be held on February 28 and March 5, 1949. This interesting series of matches gives those who select the hockey teams for future international games an excellent opportunity for picking out the best players.

One week after the final trials, England will play Scotland at Scarborough, Yorkshire, on March 12, while on March 20 England meets Wales at Aberystwyth, and later the English team will travel to Dublin to play the Irish on April 9.

United Kingdom football coaches and referees are being sought by the Hockey Meeting.

Britain's Football Association has been asked by the Chilean FA to sponsor, next summer, a tour of Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru and Uruguay by an English first-class team.

This South American airborne trip of 16,000 miles for a party of 22 will be the most costly ever undertaken, twice as expensive as Southampton's 1948 summer tour of Brazil which covered only eight games.

The annual meeting of Britain's Yacht Racing Association at which fixtures for the coming season are arranged, was held in London meeting by Sir Ralph Gore, the chairman, that the Duke of Edinburgh had presented a challenge cup for competition by the Dragon class of yachts. This competition, which will be held every year, will be open to boats of all nations, and will be decided on a points system after a four-day meeting. The first contest will be held in the Solent (between the south coast of England and the Isle of Wight) on August 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1949.

Requests from televisioners in the United Kingdom for different kinds of sport have been met recently in a single evening's programme when television cameras of the British Broadcasting Corporation visited the works of the General Electric Company at Wembley, near London, for "Sportlight".

This was a miscellany of sports ranging from women's gymnastics to men's boxing, presented on the stage by Britain's Central Council of Physical Recreation.

In "Animals at Play," men leaders of the Council demonstrated how serious gymnastics can have their comic side.

The busiest year in the history of the British turf is to follow the end of the English flat racing season. The course at Newbury (Berkshire, England), one of the best in the country before World War II will be added to those reopened. Fixtures comprise 383 programmes and a minimum of 2,208 races, compared with 2,210 in the recent season, which proved the sport as viable as ever. The sales of Britain's bloodstock abroad is likely to increase rather than diminish with breeders concentrating on this side of the industry.

The Road Race is organised by the Chinese YMCA and the China Gymnastic Association.

British Records Approved

London, Dec. 15.—The British Amateur Athletic Board has approved the following as British records achieved at Wembley during the Olympic Games:

Throwing the discus: A. Consolini, of Italy, 173 feet 2 inches (August 2).

Throwing the hammer: I. Nemeth, of Hungary, 193 feet 11½ inches. (on July 31).—Reuter.

KOREANS COMING

A Korean football team will visit the Colony on January 8 and 9. It was featured yesterday, while a football match against Saigon will be played here on January 29.

There is no news yet of the arrival here of the Hungarian soccer team.

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Badminton League

Last night's results in the Men's "B" Division of the Badminton League were rather one-sided. Kowloon Tong "A" is leading in Section I and Chinese YMCA in Section "B".

Results were:

K. Tong "A" 0 St. John's "A" 0
K. Docks 1 St. Teresa's "A" 8
VRC "B" 1 K. Tong "B" 8
St. John's "B" 0 Recreio 9
RAF 0 Chinese YMCA 9
St. Teresa's "B" 2 Chung Wah 2
To be played tonight.

HOW THEY STAND

Section I	P	W	L	F	A	P
K. Tong "A"	4	4	3	125	11	6
St. Teresa's "A"	3	2	1	10	8	4
VRC "A"	3	2	1	10	11	4
University	1	1	0	6	3	2
KCC	3	1	2	9	18	2
St. John's "A"	3	0	3	8	10	0
K. Docks	3	0	3	8	10	0

Section II	P	W	L	F	A	P
Chinese YMCA	4	4	0	34	2	8
Recreio	4	3	1	28	10	6
K. Tong "A"	4	3	1	23	13	0
Chung Wah	3	2	1	10	8	2
St. Teresa's "B"	3	1	2	13	14	2
VRC "B"	4	1	3	11	5	2
St. John's "B"	4	1	3	11	5	2
RAF	4	0	4	4	32	0

RECREIO 9, ST. JOHN'S "B" 0

At St. John's Hall, Recreio beat St. John's "B" by nine games to nil.

W.M. Lawrence & C.M. Quinn (Recreio) beat A.J. Hofer & A.J. Stephens 21-5; beat F. Crabb & D.J. Smith 21-8; H. Hefti & S. Guttinger 21-8.

L. A. Carvalho & N. A. Beltrao (Recreio) beat Hofer & Stephens 21-5; beat Crabb & Smith 21-8; beat Hefti & Guttinger 21-8.

H. J. Xavier & A. J. Remedios (Recreio) beat Hofer & Stephens 21-5; beat Crabb & Smith 21-8; beat Hefti & Guttinger 21-11.

ST. TERESA'S "A" 8, K. DOCKS 1

At St. Teresa's Club, St. Teresa's "A" beat Kowloon Docks 8-1.

B. Fomeroy & J. A. Soares (St. Teresa's) beat M. Kempton & W. Gaffney 21-17; beat H. Gaurley & J. Kempton 21-13; beat A. Elliott & G. Blenkinsop 21-18.

F. A. Vieira & R. M. Soares (St. Teresa's) beat Gaurley & Gaffney 18-21; beat Gaurley & Kempton 21-16; beat Elliott & Blenkinsop 24-20.

A. J. Gonsalves & M. Verleyson (St. Teresa's) beat Kempton & Gaffney 23-9; beat Gaurley & Kempton 21-9; beat Elliott & Blenkinsop 21-14.

Baseball Exchange

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The Brooklyn Dodgers on Wednesday, traded Harold (Pete) Reiser to the Boston Braves for outfielder Myron (Mike) McCormick and another player to be named at a later date.

Reiser, who broke into the major leagues in 1941 as an outfielder, was used last season at third and first base in addition to the outfield.—Associated Press.



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5-POINT US DEFENCE PLAN

SCIENTISTS TO ASSIST

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Defence Secretary, Mr James Forrestal, today unveiled a five-point programme to bolster national defence, amid hints that new atomic bomb tests were planned at the supersecret Eniwetok atoll proving grounds.

Mr Forrestal also disclosed that General Eisenhower, former Chief of Staff and now President of Columbia University, had served as his personal adviser on general matters concerning military establishments.

Summing up recent and proposed defence moves, Mr Forrestal told a news conference that he had:

1. Appointed a group of top scientists and military leaders to study all types of weapons, including the atomic bomb, and to recommend which would be best in the event of war.

ONE COMMAND

2. Ordered all military sea transport, including 280 Army vessels, consolidated into one force under Navy command.

3. Drawn up plans to place all military shipments by land under control of the Army.

4. Arranged for joint use by the Army, Navy and Air Force of recruiting facilities and services at many places across the country.

5. Recommended to President Truman federalisation of the Air National Guard and consolidation with the Air Force Reserve.

The prospect of new A-bomb tests in the Western Pacific was raised by the Atomic Energy Commission which said that the area surrounding Eniwetok would continue to be a "danger area" until further notice.

CLOSED TO OUTSIDERS

Eniwetok atoll and Iagoon are permanently closed to outsiders. An area around roughly 200 miles square was declared a danger area for the calendar year 1948 and all unauthorised persons, foreign or American, warned to keep out. Today's order extends the ban indefinitely.

Spokesmen for the agency would not say that new bomb tests would be held, but the order reminded that Eniwetok was the "site of the Commission's proving grounds for routine experiments and tests of atomic weapons."

Three "improved" bombs were tested there last spring. Little information was released, but scientists here have voiced the belief that the new weapons, because of more efficient design, get more blast power out of a given amount of atomic explosive than the 1945 models dropped on Japan.

Mr Forrestal said that, in announcing the formation of a scientist-military group on wartime weapons, he considered the problem a "matter of high importance." He said the group, which would act in an advisory capacity, was chosen carefully so that neither the military nor the scientists would have a stronger voice in the selection of weapons.

U.S. Tobacco For Germans

Bremen, Dec. 15.—A cargo of 5,000 barrels of American tobacco first Marshall Plan shipment to reach Germany, arrived at Bremen today in the American freighter, Flying Independence.

Mr Norman H. Collinson, head of the Economic Co-operation Administration Mission to Germany, said that this was the first shipment of over \$10 million worth of tobacco to be imported into Western Germany under contracts already signed or being negotiated.

He added that the United States would provide the bulk of the shipments, but some tobacco would come from Greece and Turkey.

Fire Follows Blast



This is a general view of the Portland, Oregon, riverfront area fire that followed a blast which shattered Portland post offices and blew the post commission engineer 200 feet. He survived with only minor injuries. Damage was estimated at \$75,000. — AP Picture.

New Theory On The "Missing Link"

MAY NEVER HAVE EXISTED

Berkeley, California, Dec. 15.—The famous "missing link" of man's prehistoric climb towards civilisation may be missing simply because it never existed.

Dr Richard Goldschmidt of the University of California, unveiling new evidence to support his radical theory of evolution, says the classic Darwin theory may be all wrong.

He thinks modern man may have descended from a "monster" instead of slowly evolving by a succession of minor changes.

Dr Goldschmidt, one of the world's eminent authorities on heredity and genetics, is studying laboratory experiments, which indicate that most new species of life come into existence by sudden "cataclysmic" changes rather than by developing over thousands of years.

The suddenly-born mutations are "monsters" compared to their ancestors, which eventually they may supplant.

Until recently, Goldschmidt had little laboratory evidence to explain how this sudden-evolution process might work. Then he began experimenting with a mysterious particle in living cells, called heterochromatin.

"Now it appears that heterochromatin may be responsible for these cataclysmic changes in life species," Goldschmidt said. "And there is some hint that it also may be concerned with the determination of sex. But it is very inconclusive so far."

NATURE'S EXPERIMENTS

Pointing out that "monsters" are created by almost every species, including mankind, Goldschmidt said he thinks they may be "hopeful experiments" by nature rather than his mistakes.

If such monsters survive and thrive, he theorised, they may become the fathers of new species.

That explains why there are so many "missing links" in evolution which never have been found.

While believers in the Darwin theory of gradual evolution scoff at Goldschmidt's ideas, he challenges them to explain how hairless animals developed hair, how spineless creatures came to have backbones and how some organisms appeared with the skeletons of their bodies on the outside rather than inside their bodies.

Goldschmidt's laboratory experiments with heterochromatin and fruit flies, produced similar monsters in one generation, "indicating this cellular substance is in charge of early development and growth process."

He emphasised that no studies have been performed on the action of heterochromatin in human beings or any large animal. "But our work is only beginning," he added. — United Press.

World Meeting Of Pacifists

London, Dec. 15.—Arrangements are "well in hand" for a world meeting of pacifists at Shantiniketan, near Calcutta, next December, Sir H. V. Alexander, chief adviser to the Quaker Movement in New Delhi, said here tonight.

Shantiniketan is the cultural centre founded by the late Indian poet, Sir Rabindranath Tagore. Mr Alexander, who recently returned from a private conference of British and American Quakers at Philadelphia, told Reuters that the general policy towards religious work in India and Pakistan were discussed there. — Reuters.

PLANNING TO PROTECT FACTORIES

S'hai Workers To Co-operate

Shanghai, Dec. 16.—A number of Shanghai's small factory owners are quietly working on a plan to provide protection for plant and equipment against mob action in the event of a possible breakdown of local law enforcement.

Lacking the resources of the larger firms some of who are moving to South China, these small factory owners are said to be approaching their shop personnel with a plan to create factory defence groups for round-the-clock guard duty in the plants should disorders occur.

For their part the workers are expected to respond favourably, since their future livelihood depends upon machinery and equipment being kept intact and they possess neither the inclination nor means to evacuate. It could not be learned what measures, if any, were being taken to equip these plant guards with weapons of defence. Whether armed or not, it is felt that their presence in the plants would enable them to turn away would-be vandals by pointing out that their "rice bowls" would be broken if machinery was damaged or removed.

NOT PULLING OUT

The factory owners are described as representing many of the small manufacturers who dismantled their plants and shipped them to Chungking and other points in the interior during the early days of the Japanese invasion. In the face of the possible Communist takeover they are unable and unwilling to pull out of Shanghai and are confident that if their factory guard plans can be worked out they stand a better than even chance of coming through unscathed.

The worker-guard plan is thought to be a direct outgrowth of measures adopted in transporting rice and flour during the period of critical food shortage. In early November, at that time, many Dring pushed rice for their stalls, and staff members willingly rode the trucks to prevent hijacking by sowing groups of hungry citizenry. These staff-guards were provided with credentials bearing the firms' chop and certifying that the foodstuffs were being purchased for staff consumption and not for blackmarket resale. These measures were reported to have been highly successful.

MORE INSURGENTS MOPPED UP

Rangoon, Dec. 15.—Government troops today killed 20 insurgents in mopping-up operations in the Pegu District, 40 miles north of Rangoon, tonight's military communique stated.

Seven rebels were killed and several others injured when Government forces dispersed a last-minute band in a party in the Pegu Division at midnight. — Reuters.

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Plane Priority Query

London, Dec. 15.—The British Government was asked in the House of Commons today why priority for the T-test jet propelled fighters was given to India over other Commonwealth countries and the countries of Western Europe.

The Minister of Defence, Mr Albert Alexander, replied that the Indian Government had recently bought three Vampire aircraft for trial purposes.

These aircraft had not been supplied at the expense of the requirements of other members of the Commonwealth or of Western European nations. — Reuters.

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